

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1908

**PRINTER'S NO.** 3842

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

October 20, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Micozzie

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to INSURANCE, Oct. 20, 2011

Reported as committed, Oct. 26, 2011

First consideration, Oct. 26, 2011

Laid on the table, Oct. 26, 2011

Removed from table, Dec. 14, 2011

Laid on the table, Dec. 14, 2011

Removed from table, March 14, 2012

Second consideration, with amendments, May 1, 2012

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, May 1, 2012

(Remarks see House Journal Page ), May 1, 2012

Re-reported as committed, May 2, 2012

Third consideration and final passage, May 2, 2012 (172-11)

(Remarks see House Journal Page ), May 2, 2012

In the Senate

Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 22, 2012

Reported as amended, June 12, 2012

First consideration, June 12, 2012

Second consideration, with amendments, June 26, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 26, 2012

Re-reported as committed, June 27, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1908 creates a freestanding act that shall be known as the "Towing and Towing Storage Facility Standards Act."

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This legislation provides consumer protections to the owner of a motor vehicle in the event that he or she summons a tow truck or if a tow truck operator is directed by a police officer or authorized municipal personnel to the scene of an accident. It establishes standards for towing and towing storage facility operations concerning access to towed vehicles; notification requirements regarding hours of operation and towing, storage, and other related services; and limits on storage. In addition, it prohibits storage fees if reasonable access to the towed vehicle has been denied.

This act supersedes local or municipal ordinances to the extent that those ordinances regulating towing and storage operations are in conflict with or are less stringent than this act.

A violation of this act is also a violation of Act 387 of 1968, known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, which is enforced by the Attorney General.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.